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A Note from the District Manager

This edition of “Eye to the Future” exists in two forms – the electronic version on our web page, and this companion document printed on paper. If you have internet access you can view this document at any time and also get additional information on issues related to the Eugene District. The address is: www.edo.or.blm.gov.

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Our summer field season is in full swing and the staff is very busy on numerous projects. We are replacing culverts to improve fish passage in the Fish Creek Area, near Blachley. On Goodpasture Road, east of Leaburg, we are removing hazard trees, replacing culverts and improving the road surface. In the Lost Creek Area, near Dexter, and in the Big River-Sharps Creek Areas, southeast of Cottage Grove, our Road Maintenance Crew is applying a chipseal overlay to 71 miles of road.

The popular Row River Trail recently recognized it’s 10 year anniversary and a new brochure has been prepared to assist visitors using the scenic trail along the shores of Dorena Reservoir. The Eugene District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) has completed the fourth round of projects under the “Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act.” In addition, National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is recognized on September 18th and we will host two special events to celebrate. A project at the Whitaker Creek Recreation Site will focus on constructing a trail and at the Travis Tyrell Seed Orchard, volunteers will install bird boxes.

We hope this document provides an information link between you and the BLM’s Eugene District Office. Its intent is to increase your awareness of BLM activities and improve your opportunities to discuss these activities with us. By keeping you informed of the Eugene District’s management activities and inviting your participation, we hope to continue our ongoing relationships. If you need to know the status of a project or want additional information, you can contact the project lead listed in the following text. We would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding this Planning/Project Update or how it could be improved to make it more useful to you.

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Abbreviations and Definitions

ACEC/RNA - Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area

BO - Biological Opinion.

CF - Cubic feet.

CCF - Hundred cubic feet.

CX or Categorical Exclusion - Actions which do not have significant effects on the environment and for which an Environmental Analysis (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

EA - Environmental Assessment - This is a concise public document that briefly provides evidence and analysis of a proposed Federal action. It is used to determine whether further analysis needs to be done for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

GFMA - General Forest Management Area.

IDT - Interdisciplinary Team - A team is a group of resource specialists, whose participation is determined by the issues relating to the project proposal, and who conduct environmental analysis.

LSR - Late-Successional Reserves - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. These reserves will maintain a functional, interactive, late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystem.

Matrix Lands - One of the seven Federal land designations set forth in the Northwest Forest Plan. Most timber harvest contributing to the Allowable Sale Quantity takes place in this area.

MBF - Thousand board feet.

MMBF - Million board feet.

NEPA - National Environmental Policy Act - A federal law which sets the systematic interdisciplinary analysis to achieve integrated consideration of physical, biological, economic, and other sciences to provide for an informed decision. The process provides for public participation in the development, review and revision of certain activities on Federal Lands.

NWFP - Northwest Forest Plan - A common name for the Record of Decision for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl (April 1994). It is also used to refer to the Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species with the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl which accompanies the Record of Decision.

O&C Lands - Revested Oregon and California Railroad Lands.

Resource Management Plan (RMP) - A land use plan prepared by the BLM in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Scoping - An early and open part of environmental analysis that allows interested public and other Federal, state and local agencies the opportunity to provide issues, concerns and opportunities relative to proposed project actions. Scoping is required by regulation for Environmental Impact Statements.

UPPER WILLAMETTE RESOURCE AREA

Project: *Aster vialis* Habitat Enhancement Project

Contact: Cheshire Mayrsohn (683-6407)

Location: Upper Willamette Resource Area

Description: This project proposes to implement a habitat enhancement project for *Aster vialis*, a Special Status plant, on several sites located in the Willamette Valley east of I-5. Habitat enhancement would be done by reducing canopy cover at selected *Aster vialis* sites.

Status: *An environmental assessment was prepared and made available for public review in May, 2004. A decision is expected in fall of 2004.*

McKenzie Watershed

Project: Taylor Landing Recreation Site Improvements

Contact: Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)

Location: T.17S., R.01E., Section 19

Description: This project proposes to make improvements to Taylor Landing, a day use recreation site located along the McKenzie River. The proposed improvements would improve boat launching, fishing and picnicking facilities, and mitigate impacts to the riparian area by defining and hardening recreational use areas.

Status: *Work on an environmental assessment was completed and made available for public review in October 2004. A decision was made to implement Alternative 2, with two additions from Alternative 3. This EA is posted on the Eugene BLM's website:*

http://www.edo.or.blm.gov/planning/nepa/ea_archive.htm

Bear Creek Watershed

Project: Bear Creek Timber Sale

Contact: Richard Hardt (683-6690)

Location: T.16S., R.03E., Sections 21,28 and 29

Description: Located in the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Area (CCAMA) land use allocation, the purpose of this project is to manage stands to maintain forest health and productivity, meet ACS objectives, to provide timber products, and to develop a learning component in a manner consistent with the Northwest Forest Plan and the Eugene Resource Management Plan.

Status: *An environmental assessment was prepared and made available for public review in April, 2004. A decision will be made in 2005.*

Mohawk/McGowan Watershed

Project: Upper Cash Creek Timber Sale

Contact: Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)

Location: T. 15 S., R. 2W., Sections 21, 22 and 28

Description: This project proposes to thin high density stands in the in the upper Cash Creek watershed, and Stream Enhancement in Shotgun and Cash creeks. Actions may include timber harvest, snag creation, road improvements, temporary road construction, road decommissioning and placement of large wood in streams.

Status: *Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway and is expected to be available for public review and comment in August, 2004.*

Project: Cash Creek Meadow Restoration

Contact: Dave Reed (683-2237)

Location: T. 15S., R. 01W., Sections 31 and 6

Description: This project proposes to use prescribe fire and/or mechanical treatments to restore the Lower Cash Creek Meadow to open meadow habitat.

Status: *Work on an environmental assessment has been completed. The decision for this project has been made; alternative 3 was selected. This EA is posted on the Eugene BLM's website:*

http://www.edo.or.blm.gov/planning/nepa/ea_archive.htm.

Project: Checkpoint 5 Trail Improvement

Contact: Christie Hardenbrook (683-6110)

Location: T. 15 S., R. 2W., Section 22

Description: This project proposes to improve a popular OHV trail referred to as Checkpoint 5. The purpose of the project is to improve the drainage of the trail and to continue to provide a recreational opportunity for OHV enthusiasts.

Status: *Work on an environmental assessment is currently underway and is expected to be available for public review and comment in September, 2004.*

Calapooia Watershed

Project: Casnor Peak Salvage

Contact: Trish Wilson (683-6448)

Location: T. 14S., R. 01E., Section 19

Description: This project proposes to salvage blown down timber on approximately 14 acres of matrix allocated land.

Status: *An environmental assessment was prepared and made available for public review in April, 2004. A decision was made to implement the proposed action. This EA is posted on the Eugene BLM's website: http://www.edo.or.blm.gov/planning/nepa/ea_archive.htm.*

Row River Watershed

Project: Culp Creek Aquatic Habitat Restoration

Contact: Chuck Vostal (683-6454)

Location: T. 21S, R. 01W., Section 31

Description: This project proposes a cooperative project with Weyerhaeuser Company to remove the old “Power House Dam” on the main stem of Culp Creek, and restore the stream channel and riparian area to a more natural condition. The dam is currently a barrier for upstream and downstream movement of fish and other aquatic-dependent species.

Status: *An environmental assessment was prepared and made available for public review in May, 2004. A decision was made to implement the proposed action. This EA is posted on the Eugene BLM’s website: http://www.edo.or.blm.gov/planning/nepa/ea_archive.htm.*

SIUSLAW RESOURCE AREA

Lake Creek Watershed

Project: North Lake Creek Thinning Project

Contact: Rick Colvin (683-66597)

Location: Primarily in the Upper Lake Creek area, north of Hult Pond, just north of Horton.

Description: BLM is planning a program to thin forested stands in the Upper Lake Creek drainage, mostly north of Hult Pond, but also including parts of the South Fork Alsea and Long Tom watersheds. The planning area is approximately 13,000 acres, and most timbered stands are 40-50 years old. Thinning would involve cutting trees for the primary purpose of widening spacing so that growth of remaining trees can be accelerated. Thinning would occur in the Matrix land use allocation and the adjacent Riparian Reserves, over several years.

Status: *An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared and made available for public review on May 26, 2004. Three comment letters were received. A final decision is anticipated in early Fall, 2004.*

Project: Upper Lake Creek Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) - Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP).

Contact: Sandra Miles (683-6227)

Location: 15,000 acres above Horton to the border of the BLM Salem District, includes Hult Reservoir, also known as the Mill Pond or Hult Pond. The SRMA is mostly in Lake Creek Watershed, but with some portions in Long Tom and South Fork Alsea watersheds.

Description: The Resource Area (RA) is developing a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP) for the Upper Lake Creek Special Recreation Management Area that was designated in the Eugene District RMP. The plan will recommend specific management actions for recreation, as well as designate a Transportation Management Plan.

Status: *A RAMP and Environmental Assessment (EA) is expected to be available for public review and comment this Fall, 2004. If you would like to be on the mailing list contact Sandra Miles.*

Project : Lake Creek Aquatic Habitat Improvement Project

Contact: Leo Poole (683-6289)

Location: T16S R7W Sections 22, 27

Description: Undersized and barrier culverts that prevent the natural migration of aquatic species to tributaries of Fish Creek will be replaced with larger non barrier passages.

Status: An environmental assessment was completed and available for a 30 day public comment period. No Comment was received and a Decision Record and FONSI were published 7/18/03. This culvert project is currently underway and is expected to be completed in early August.

Project : Lake Creek Road Improvement

Contact: Eric Meyers (683-6499)

Location: Ferguson Road; T.15 S., R.6 W., Section 19; T.15 S., R.7 W., Sections 24, 25 and 26.

Description: Phase I, Part II , Bituminus Surface Treatment

Status: The Decision Record notice was published in the Eugene Register Guard June, 2002. Phase I, Part I was completed summer/fall 2002. The Bituminus "chip seal" surface treatment (Phase I, Part II) is expected to be completed this summer/fall of 2004.

Project: Bear Cub Negotiated Timber Sale

Contact: Alan Corbin (683-6792)

Location: T16S, R7W, Sec 29 & 31

Description: The project area is about three miles south of Triangle Lake, in the Lake Creek Watershed. The timber sale includes a 56-acre commercial thinning, and a 16-acre regeneration harvest. This is a negotiated sale that would fulfill the Eugene District's commitment for replacement volume under Section 2001(k)(3) of Public Law 104-19. The decision to award this timber as replacement volume was signed on August 27, 1997, and a notice was published in the Eugene Register-Guard on September 10, 1997.

Status: This sale was not awarded because of two court orders: one which required BLM to conduct surveys for red tree voles, and another which invalidated the biological opinion from NOAA Fisheries. Since that time, (1) the Record of Decision to Remove or Modify the Survey and Manage Mitigation Measure Standards and Guidelines (March, 2004) removed the red tree vole survey requirements; and (2) the project's effects on coho salmon were reevaluated using current criteria and standards, and BLM has determined that the project would have no effect on coho salmon. BLM is now preparing to award this timber sale.

Siuslaw Watershed

Project: Norris Divide Timber Sale

Contact: Rick Colvin (683-6659)

Location: T20S, R4W, Sec 9

Description: A combination of density management thinning and regeneration harvest is being considered for this 250 acre project area. It is in the Matrix Land Use Allocation and is located adjacent to the Cottage Grove-Lorane Highway, approximately 5 miles northwest of Cottage Grove.

Status: An EA and FONSI were prepared and made available for public review in October, 2003. One comment was received. A final decision on this proposal is expected in late Summer, 2004.

Project: Tucker Creek Timber Sale

Contact: Alan Corbin (683-6795)

Location: T20S, R4W, Sec 27

Description: This project would consist of a density management thinning on approximately 100 acres in the Siuslaw River Watershed.

Status: *An environmental assessment was prepared and released for public review on June 4, 2003. A final decision is expected by September, 2004.*

Wolf Creek Watershed

Project: Seneca Jones Timber Company Road Use and Right-of-Way Agreement Amendment

Contact: Rick Colvin (683-6659)

Location: T19S, R6W, Sec 19

Description: Seneca Jones Timber Company has requested an amendment to its existing Road Use and Right-of-Way Agreement E-364B to allow them to construct a short (approximately 320 feet) spur accessing their timberland in Section 20. Approximately 50 feet of this spur would be on BLM managed land.

Status: *Scoping is underway. We anticipate that an EA will be prepared and made available for public review late Summer, 2004.*

Project: Point-a-Panther Timber Sale

Contact: Alan Corbin (683-6792)

Location: T19S, R6W, Sec 13

Description: The proposed timber sale lies approximately 5 miles south of Crow in the Matrix Land Use Allocation. Regeneration timber harvest is being considered on approximately 90 acres.

Status: *This project was originally proposed in 1999, and an environmental assessment was released in July, 1999. Since then, further design work has been completed, and a new environmental assessment is being prepared. We anticipate that the EA will be available for public review in the Fall, 2004.*

Project: Saleratus Creek Enhancement Project

Contact: Rob Preece (683-7184)

Location: T.18S, R.7W, Section 31

Description: In FY 1994, in-stream enhancement work was completed and consisted of placing 21 logs (un-cabled) in 0.25 miles of Saleratus Creek along road 18-7-31.1 up to the junction of road 18-7-31. Since FY 1994, the downstream movement of these logs has been annually monitored to get a better understanding of cut-log migrations and consequent structural formations and subsequent woody debris accumulations. The proposed project is to re-access the 1994 project area and utilizing on and off site large woody debris, enhance those degraded areas within the project reach.

Status: *An Environmental Assessment was completed and made available for public review. The comment period ended July 16, 2004. One comment letter was received and responded to. The Decision Record is expected to be published by early August, 2004.*

Project: Link-n-Log LSR Restoration Project

Contact: Alan Corbin (683-6792)

Location: T19S, R5W, Sec 7

Description: The project area is about 130 acres lying along the eastern edge of the Coast Range Late-Successional Reserve (LSR 267), about five miles south of Crow in the Wolf Creek Watershed. A density management thinning is planned for 84 acres of LSR and 43 acres of Matrix. The EA was released for a 30-day public review in February, 1998; no comments were received.

Status: *The timber sale was sold on September 24, 1998. The sale was not awarded because of a court ruling in September, 1999, that the Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service (now NOAA Fisheries) regarding effects on coho salmon was invalid. In March, 2003, a court stipulation specifically reinstated the biological opinion for this project. BLM is now preparing to award the timber sale to the purchaser.*

Long Tom Watershed

Project: Get Ready Timber Sale

Contact: Peter O'Toole (683-6786)

Location: T 16 S, R 7 W, Sec 25

Description: The project proposal is to thin approx 135 acres of 35-55 year old stands of second growth timber. The project area lies within the Matrix and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocation.

Status: *An environmental assessment was completed by the interdisciplinary team and made available for a 30 day public review. One comment letter was received. A decision notice is expected to be published by the end of July 2004.*

Project: Dead Horse Timber Sale

Contact: Peter O'Toole (683-6786)

Location: T 15 S, R 6 W, Secs 21 & 27

Description: The project proposal is to thin approx 155 acres of 35-45 year old stands of second growth timber. The project area lies within the Matrix and Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocation.

Status: *The Interdisciplinary Team completed the draft environmental assessment in the fall/winter 2003. An environmental assessment is expected to be available for public review by Summer/Fall, 2004.*

Project: Weather Station Project

Contact: Sally Villegas (683-6790)

Location: West Eugene Wetlands, Eugene, Oregon.

Description: BLM would like to install a permanent 22 feet wide by 20 feet high weather station within the West Eugene Wetlands. The weather station would allow the BLM to record daily weather measurements which would aid in the determination of implementing prescribed fires within the West Eugene Wetlands.

The weather station could be installed on a number of potential sites.

Status: *Scoping is underway, and an environmental assessment will be prepared. We anticipate that the assessment will be available for public review in the late summer, 2004.*

Project: Avian Monitoring Project

Contact: Sally Villegas (683-6790)

Location: Hansen Site, West Eugene Wetlands Eugene, Oregon.

Description: BLM is planning on installing temporary avian mist nets on the Hansen site in T 17s-R 5w – Section 24 near Eugene, Oregon. The temporary avian nets would be installed during the period of early May through August. This is a research project the BLM and its partners would venture into for the next five years. Net locations selected would take advantage of natural openings but may require pruning of branches or brush to open flyways of approximately 2x12 meters ahead and behind the nets. Improving our understanding of bird populations and their needs will facilitate better land management decisions.

Status: *A Categorical Exclusion (CE) was prepared and the project is now in its implementation phase.*

Project: Invasive Weed Control Project

Contact: Sally Villegas (683-6790)

Location: West Eugene Wetlands

Description: BLM is planning on removing and controlling invasive weed species from a variety of habitats across the Siuslaw Resource Area and within the West Eugene Wetlands Eugene, Oregon. Management techniques would include, but not be limited to, the use of hand cutting and pulling – using a variety of garden tools, the use of shade cloth or plastic (solarization technique), the use of mechanical tools – weed whacker, the use of thermal weed control equipment (no open flames) – such as the Sunburst, Hoaf, Ecoweed & Waipuna, and the use of a tractor with specialized head attachments for mowing, mulching, tilling & disking capabilities. The purpose of these actions is to reduce & control the invasive seed source and to prevent invasive species from out-competing native species on the BLM sites.

Status: *A Categorical Exclusion (CE) was prepared and the project is now in its implementation phase.*

Project: Prescribed Fire Project

Contact: Sally Villegas (683-6790)

Location: Balboa Unit, West Eugene Wetlands

Description: The BLM is planning to utilize prescribed fire in the fall of 2004 on approximately 10 acres of the Balboa Unit to enhance rare plant populations & wetland habitats. The Willamette Valley prairies evolved with fall season-fires and presumably plants of these prairies are well adapted and potentially dependent upon the presence of fire for their continued healthy existence. Presently, the Balboa Unit is being encroached by shrubs and trees. If succession of the prairie to woodland plant community is allowed to continue, native prairie plants would ultimately be extirpated. Continued use of prescribed fire would help control shrubs and trees as well as enhance the rare plants populations.

Status: *A DNA tiered to the environmental assessment OR-090-EA-98-26 was completed in Summer, 2004. The project is scheduled to commence in late summer, 2004.*

Project: Prescribed Fire Project

Contact: Sally Villegas (683-6790)

Location: West Greenhill Unit, West Eugene Wetlands, Eugene, Oregon.

Description: The BLM is planning to utilize prescribed fire in the Fall of 2004 on approximately 5 acres of the West Greenhill Unit to enhance rare plant populations & wetland habitats. The Willamette Valley

prairies evolved with fall season-fires and presumably plants of these prairies are well adapted and potentially dependent upon the presence of fire for their continued healthy existence. Presently, the West Greenhill Unit is being encroached by shrubs and trees. If succession of the prairie to woodland plant community is allowed to continue, native prairie plants would ultimately be extirpated. Continued use of prescribed fire would help control shrubs and trees as well as enhance the rare plants populations.

Status: A DNA tiered to the environmental assessment OR-090-EA-96-21 was completed in Summer, 2004. The project is scheduled to commence in late Summer, 2004.

Project: Prescribed Fire Project

Contact: Sally Villegas (683-6790)

Location: Long Tom Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) T17S, R5W. Section 33

Description: The BLM is planning to utilize prescribed fire in the Fall of 2004 on approximately 5 acres of the Long Tom ACEC to enhance rare plant populations & wetland habitats. The Willamette Valley prairies evolved with fall season-fires and presumably plants of these prairies are well adapted and potentially dependent upon the presence of fire for their continued healthy existence. Presently, the Long Tom ACEC unit is being encroached by shrubs and trees. If succession of the prairie to woodland plant community is allowed to continue, native prairie plants would ultimately be extirpated. Continued use of prescribed fire would help control shrubs and trees as well as enhance the rare plants populations.

Status: A DNA tiered to the environmental assessment OR-090-EA-95-27 was completed in Summer, 2004. The project is scheduled to commence late Summer, 2004.

Project: Dragonfly Bend Habitat Enhancement Project

Contact: Sally Villegas (683-6790)

Location: T. 17 S. - R. 04 W. - Section 20, West Eugene Wetlands

Description: This project is a cooperative habitat enhancement project with the City of Eugene. This project proposes to enhance the stream, riparian, wetland, and upland habitat values of the A-1 channel of the Amazon Creek. The focal species of these improvements are the Fender's blue butterfly (listed endangered) and western pond turtle (sensitive species). The Dragonfly Bend Habitat Enhancement Project is approximately 22 acres in size and this includes approximately 3,600 linear feet of the A-1 Channel bed, banks and levees. The project site is owned and managed by the City of Eugene.

Status: An environmental assessment was prepared and released for a 30-day public comment period in March, 2004. No comment letters were received. A Decision Record and FONSI were published in June, 2004. The project is expected to commence in August, 2004.

Wildcat and Lake Creek Watersheds

Project: Rusty Nel, Timber Sale

Contact: Janet Zentner (683-6496)

Location: T17S, R7W, Sec. 7

Description: The proposed action is a regeneration harvest sale in the Matrix Land Use Allocation. The action would involve approximately 100 acres of 63-66 year old timber in a 320 acre project area. The area is approximately 7 air miles west and 3.5 air miles south of Noti, Oregon and is located in the Wildcat and Lake Creek Watersheds.

Status: *An environmental assessment was published and available for a 30 day comment period. Four comment letters were received and responded to. A Decision Record notice was published in the Eugene Register Guard April 28, 2004.*

Project: Shady Creek Enhancement Project

Contact: Rob Preece (683-7184) or Leo Poole (683-6289)

Location: T.17S, R.7W, Section 29

Description: Shady Creek is a 3rd order tributary to Chickahomny Creek (a major tributary to Wildcat Creek). The BLM currently manages approximately 0.25 stream miles of Shady Creek along road 17-7-29.1. The proposed cooperative project would include the addition of large woody debris (LWD) to the stream channel in both private and BLM lands to provide immediate cover, trap stream substrates and aggrade downcut channels, and provide deep rearing pools. In addition, some planting of conifers along the stream is proposed to provide future potential “in-stream” recruitment in a riparian system that is dominated by hardwoods (mostly red alder) and salmon berry. This project would involve multiple participants which include the Siuslaw Watershed Council, neighboring landowners, BLM, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Status: *An Environmental Assessment was completed and made available for public review. The 30-day review period on the EA ended on July 16, 2004. One comment letter was received and responded to. The decision record is expected to be published by early August, 2004.*

Project: Wildcat Creek Enhancement Project

Contact: Rob Preece (683-7184) or Leo Poole (683-6289)

Location: T.18S, R.6W, Sections 13 and 19

Description: This project proposal in Section 13 would be a continuation of restoration efforts started in 2002. The proposal would be to work with Roseburg Forest Products (RFP) to remove a barrier culvert near the west boundary of Sections 19 and 20 in road 18-6-30.1 and in Section 13 add structure to the stream channel in approximately 1.5 miles of degraded habitat to provide immediate cover, trap stream substrates and aggrade downcut channels, and provide deep rearing pools.

Status: *An Environmental Assessment was completed and made available for public review. The 30-day review period on the EA ended on July 16, 2004. One comment letter was received and responded to. The decision record is expected to be published by early August, 2004.*

Upper Siuslaw Watersheds

Project: Whittaker Creek Old Growth Trail Extension

Contact: Dennis Smith (683-6296)

Location: T.18S., R.8W., Section 21

Description: The proposed trail extension would start at a point along the assent and begin a gradual decent back to the Whittaker Creek Campground completing a loop. The proposed trail design includes interpretive signage opportunities and a memorial site overlooking Whittaker Creek.

Status: *An environmental assessment was made available for comment in April 2004. The public comment period ended and a Decision Record was signed in May. Trail construction began June 30, 2004 and is nearing completion.*

Project Name: Leopold Creek Aquatic Habitat Improvement Project

Contact: Leo Poole (683-6289)

Location: T19S R8W Section 17

Description: For FY2004, instream structures will be placed in the channel to raise the channel elevation and increase the complexity of habitat in an unnamed tributary of Leopold Creek. The project is expected to commence in August - September.

Status: *A DNA tiered to Environmental Assessment OR-090-EA-00-14 has been completed. Work in this tributary would not begin until 2005.*

Project Name: Whittaker Creek Aquatic Habitat Improvement Project

Contact: Leo Poole (683-6289)

Location: T18S R8W Sections 28, 31, 32

Description: Undersized and barrier culverts that prevent the natural migration of aquatic species will be replaced with larger non barrier passages or removed. The project is expected to commence in July-September 2004.

Status: *A site specific addendum to EA OR-090-96-11, dated 4/7/00, was prepared to evaluate site specific project design of this project. This culvert project is currently underway and is expected to be completed in early August.*

Project: Whittaker Creek Campground Maintenance and Memorial Installation

Contact: Sandra Miles (683-6227)

Location: T.18S., R.8W., Section 21

Description: A National Public Lands Day event would be held at Whittaker Creek Campground on August 28, 2004. Activities would include general maintenance of the campground and the Old Growth Trail and, if funding permits, creating a memorial area honoring Neil Armantrout, an outstanding fisheries biologist, who passed away last year. The memorial, evaluated under EA OR-090-04-09, would include building and installing benches, and creating and installing a memorial plaque.

Status: *CE review 04-30 was completed 5/24/04 for this project.*

Project: Tyrrell Seed Orchard Maintenance Projects

Contact: Sandra Miles (683-6227)

Location: T.20S, R.5W, Section 15 and 21

Description: A National Public Lands Day event would be held at the Seed Orchard on September 18, 2004. Activities would include trail maintenance on the Succession Forest Trail, cleaning existing bird boxes, construction and installation of cedar log benches at the arboretum overlook area, and the construction and installation of large bird and/or bat boxes from pre-cut materials.

Status: *CE review 04-29 was completed 5/24/04 for this project.*

Project: Whittaker Creek Fish Trap

Contact: Gary Hoppe (683-6459))

Location: T.18S., R.8W., Section 21

Description: BLM is considering continued trap operations by ODFW in the Whittaker Creek Campground.

Status: *Open for scoping. An environmental assessment is expected to be made available for public review in late August, 2004.*